

**Sri D. VENKATESH.**—Is it not a fact that there are four scheduled employments under Schedule I of the Act?

**Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.**—Yes.

**Sri D. VENKATESH.**—May I know whether the Government have appointed any Committee as contemplated under Section 5 to enquire into those employments?

**Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.**—I will enquire.

**Sri D. VENKATESH.**—Will the Government be pleased to consider the feasibility of revising the wages as contemplated under Section 5 of the Act?

**Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.**—We will consider.

### **Wage Advisory Committee for Agarbathi.**

**Q.—496. Sri D. VENKATESH (Gandhinagar).**—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

whether they will take immediate steps to constitute Wage Advisory Committee for Agarbathi?

**A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).**—

The question of constitution of Wage Advisory Committee comes only after the employments are included under the Schedule to the Minimum Wages Act and after the Minimum Wages are fixed for them.

These employments have not so far been included in the Schedule.

**Sri D. VENKATESH.**—Will the Government examine the question of including Employments in Agarbathi industries, small scale industries like carpentry in the Schedule so that the labour employed therein might get the benefit of the Act?

**A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.**—The Government are considering whether a Committee should be appointed to go into this question.

### **Court of Enquiry for Silk Industry.**

**Q.—497. Sri D. VENKATESH (Gandhinagar).**—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

the reasons for setting up the Court of Enquiry for Silk Industry?

**A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).**—

The Court of Enquiry, Silk Industry, was appointed to enquire into the following matters connected with certain Industrial Disputes in the Industry, viz.,—

1. To enquire into the existing conditions of service and well-being of workers in this Industry in Bangalore particularly with reference to wages, dearness allowance, leave facilities, holidays, allowances, security of service, etc.

2. To suggest ways and means to improve their conditions of service and well being having regard to the financial position of the Industry.

3. To enquire into the existing Industrial relation between the employers and employees and to suggest measures to improve them with a view to securing lasting industrial peace in this sector and to avoid industrial dispute.

4. To consider and report any other cognate matters bearing on the above issues.

**Sri D. VENKATESH.**—Has it come to the notice of the Government that some of the recommendations made by the Silk Enquiry Committee are retrograde in character?

**Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.**—That has not come to my notice.

**Sri D. VENKATESH.**—Will the Government at least see that Tripartite Conference is convened with a view to study this Report of the Court of Enquiry and to find ways and means to remove the discontentment that has arisen on account of this Report?

**Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.**—I have already informed the Hon'ble Member in private that the Government are considering the question of